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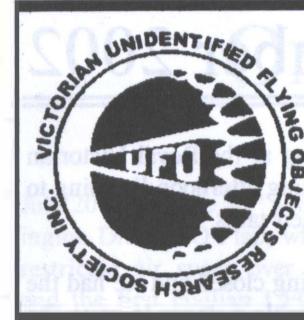
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As advertised in our previous Bulletin, we held our Special Meeting at the Royal Victorian Aero Club (RVAC), on Sunday the 7th July. We spent an interesting afternoon listening to speakers from different areas whilst watching videos to illustrate their talks.

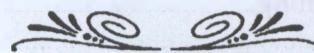
There was considerable discussion with numerous members after the meeting closed and we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with those who travelled some considerable distance to enjoy the afternoon.

Since the new managers Marilyn and Geoff have taken over the Bistro, the venue has been completely renovated and is now a most attractive and comfortable area in which to relax and have a meal while watching the numerous aircraft activities. I know that some of the Committee had a very nice meal with new members and friends.

We were happy to gain some new members, among them pilots, who are very interested in following up on the recent reports from the various mountain regions. They were also interested to learn that there is a most reputable UFO investigation organisation, once again in the USA. Since the passing of NICAP, there had been a void in that area until NARCAP (National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena) came into being.

Incidentally, when reporting a sighting, we now have a new Adobe PDF format Sighting Report Form that can be obtained from the VUFORS Web Site. There is also a new Sighting Report Form able to be completed interactively

We had a very pleasant surprise in the form of compliments on the improvements made to our publication. A big thank you to those who wrote to us.



Royal Society Building Underpinning Work

We have received notification that underpinning work on the Royal Society building is likely to commence in mid-August and carry through to October 2002. Access to the building will be via the Victoria Street entrance, and disruption to parking is expected.

COMMITTEE

No nominations for new Committee members had been received by the due date and the Committee therefore remains as shown on the inside front cover.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2002

July 2002 was the 50th anniversary of the Washington D.C. UFO Flap, when UFOs invaded the restricted air space over the Nation's Capital, and the first civilian UFO investigation movement was formed.

Major Dewey Fournet was a Senior Intelligence Officer who was in a nearby control tower during the Washington Flap. The VUFORS Committee had the pleasure of meeting with Major Fournet when he and his wife visited her relatives in Melbourne, Australia.

Australia set up some of the first UFO investigation groups soon after the Flap, and recently, an Australian National UFO conference was held in Sydney from the 2nd to the 4th of August 2002, to celebrate the anniversary of the Flap.

The speakers were drawn from all phases of Ufology and the conference was a good place to be, regardless of ones viewpoint.

The conference was sponsored by 'The UFO Show' on Banana TV! Presenters included: John Auchettl (VIC), Bill Chalker (NSW), James Courant (USA), Chris Downie (NSW), Mike Farrell (NSW), Graciela Flain (NSW), Robert Frola (QLD), Rex Gilroy (NSW), Lucy Gormez (NSW), Martin Gottschall (QLD), Sheryl Gottschall (QLD), Sue Hanson (NZ), Diane Harrison (QLD), Atilla Kaldy (NSW), Moira McGhee (NSW), Paul Norman (VIC), Kevin Robb (SA), Dudley Robb (NSW), Mary Rodwell (WA), Paul Sowiak (NSW), Barry Taylor (NSW).

Of primary interest to me was information on UFO activity around Grafton, NSW, as pre-

sented by Barry Taylor. Barry specialises in UFO fieldwork and photographing northern New South Wales phenomena. He is noted for his meticulous analysis of video material using computer techniques to sort fact from fraud, and he reported on his recent work.

Of equal interest was information presented by Rex Gilroy on Blue Mountains cases, which have occurred over the years he has been researching, since 1959. His new book is now in preparation. The main reason of my interest in these two presentations was because of some similarity with activity in the Grampians.

According to some cynical sceptics, there is little interest in what is going on in the world concerning UFOs, because of lack of reports. George Filer is unaware of this loss of interest. He is too busy building his Filer's Files, which appear to be overflowing.

Since December last year I have viewed more objects than I can explain, and if anyone can elucidate, they have not come forward. I have seen up to at least twenty at one time in one group. I do not know if they are the same ones each time but some appear to have the same characteristics. Most of the time they appear to be operating in concert with a large object. Sometimes the small ones operate on their own as a group.

It appears that the Grampian UFOs do not want to leave the valley. The puzzle is, what is attracting them. Some people think they are based there. Currently, as long as the activity lasts, it serves as a laboratory to study UFOs. A laboratory, one would dream about, but never expect to see.

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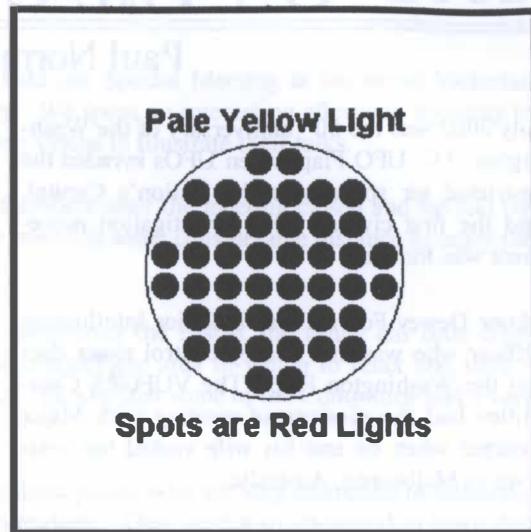
In the Hessdalen Valley of Central Norway, where the UFO speeds were measured by radar, it was interesting to note that the fastest speed was 30,000 km/h. The location from which the objects were observed had a power cable to the nearest 220 volt source, lying on the ground. When a UFO flew over the observation point, the power frequently failed.

An interesting test in the Hessdalen Valley was carried out with no instruments and only a few observers present. The team wanted to see if there were more observations when no instruments were present. Many people explained that they saw a UFO just before their camera was ready, or after it was no longer available.

The same has happened in the Grampians. For example, one observer arrived on the spot before dark to set up his telescope. After dark, nothing happened for thirty minutes. When he took his telescope down, and put it back into his car, the UFOs appeared.

After observing the UFO activity in the Grampians over the past twelve months, speculation has arisen about what is attracting them to the valley. Are they searching for, or cultivating something? Is the valley their temporary base? What is actually being observed? Are their movements and blinks, which appear to be performed in concert with a large one, used for signalling purposes within the group?

An outstanding incident occurred on 7th May 2002. While observing the white light from a large object, using binoculars. Suddenly, this light was extinguished and just above that object, a circular pale yellow light appeared, the apparent size of the full moon, and full of small round red lights, similar to indicator lights on a switchboard panel.



The 35 to 40 small red lights were arranged in equally spaced horizontal rows. After about three or four seconds, they began to vibrate horizontally and continued for another three or four seconds, while maintaining their relative positions. At the same time as the pale yellow and red lights blinked out, the original white light below resumed.

This happened while a colleague was getting his camera out of his car, as if the red light display was only intended for human observation, but not to be recorded on film.

The Hessdalen Valley test is an excellent example for us to apply the Grampians UFOs. If we assume that we are being observed by some other intelligence, then try a test to ascertain what they are observing about our activity, we might learn a little more about them. I would like to see this Norwegian test carried out here more frequently.

Also, the public should be encouraged to watch the skies with cameras ready. If the terrorist

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attack on the World Trade Centre had occurred fifteen years ago the odds are that the attack would not have been captured on film. Now, with many more people with cameras, the odds are much better that such an event would be recorded, as it was.

The question is often asked at meetings for a hand showing of people who have seen aerial objects they could not explain. Usually many hands are raised. Then, when the question is asked how many are reporting the sighting, only a few hands are raised.

My advice is to forget the ridicule of the cynical sceptics who have not studied the UFO subject. Do not be afraid of ridicule, which is the main reason we do not hear more about the UFO activity going on around us.

In the days of Louis Pasteur, when he was first studying germs, the cynical sceptics were making fun of his invisible zoo. Compare that with the advancement of the medical profession of today. Ufology has followed a similar trail.

The cynical sceptics should be ignored because of the following current example. A light aircraft was flying near Longreach Queensland; there were ten passengers aboard the aircraft who witnessed seven objects in formation. The objects circled the aircraft and left the area within two minutes. The cynical sceptics explanation was that the objects were migrating pelicans! To have circled the aircraft and left the area within two minutes, they would have had to be supersonic pelicans completely equipped with boosters, afterburners, and asbestos feathers!

Astronomers Monitoring Asteroid Threat

The Toronto Star, Thursday July 25, 2002

Delve Report, July 2002, Gene Duplantier

London (AP-Reuters) - Astronomers are carefully monitoring a 2-kilometre-wide asteroid - big enough to destroy a continent - to determine if it's on a collision course with Earth.

Initial calculations indicate there is a chance asteroid 2002 NT7 will hit the Earth on Feb. 1, 2019. But scientists said yesterday the calculations are preliminary and the risk to the planet is low.

"The threat is very minimal," Donald Yeomans, of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "An object of this size would be expected

to hit the Earth every few million years and, as we get additional data, I think this threat will go away."

The Lincoln Near Earth Asteroid Research Project in New Mexico detected the object July 9. It orbits the sun every 837 days.

Last month, an asteroid the size of a soccer field missed Earth by 120,000 kilometres - less than a third of the distance to the moon and one of the closest known approaches by objects its size. Had it hit a populated area, it would have released as much energy as a large nuclear weapon.

Mystery lights have Victorians asking ...

WHAT IS OUT THERE

By MARK DUNN

Herald Sun, Thursday, June 27, 2002

Forget about black panther sightings or elusive tasmanian tigers - unexplained lights in the sky have a Victorian community in a stir.

Almost nightly for the past year in a Grampians valley, in the state's west near Stawell, locals have watched in awe as the mysterious lights pulse and hover.

They report that up to 30 lights - mostly white, but some red or yellow - float through the uninhabited valley and silently congregate above the plains.

Australian UFO researchers have sent video footage of the phenomenon to overseas experts.

They have invited a Norwegian UFO expert, who observed similar lights in his own country for three years without finding an answer, to visit the remote valley.

It is also hoped retired NASA scientist Richard Haines will come and view what is described as the most consistent series of unexplained sightings in Australia.

The *Herald Sun* this week visited the valley and photographed a display of several lights.

Cynics will point to weather balloons, fireflies, stars, atmospheric anomalies or hoaxes.

But those are impossible explanations, according to veteran UFO researcher Paul Norman, regarded by enthusiasts as a methodical investigator of strange events. The weather bureau does-

n't use weather balloons in the area and the lights are too low to be stars. Mr Norman said they were too big and bright to radiate from animals or insects.

And atmospheric anomalies or hoaxes are not high on the list because nightly sightings have been reported for a year - regardless of weather conditions or the season.

If they are hoaxes, those responsible are persistent.

Mr Norman says the only similar activity to the Grampians mystery is in Norway, where Professor Erling Strand heads the Hessdalen UFO research project.

For more than three years Professor Strand, defence experts and scientists observed lights in the skies above Hessdalen but failed to find the cause.

The lights in the Grampians - also claimed as an area for black panther and, yes, even thylacine (tasmanian tiger) sightings - appear to glow and then pulse in concert.

Stawell abattoir worker Stephen Swanwick stands on the precipice of the valley cliff flicking his torch on and off at the distant lights in the hope they will respond.

Mr Swanwick, 46, said he had visited the site almost every night since June last year after claiming to have seen two large egg-shaped lights floating above the gorge.

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He has taken dumbfounded workmates to the ridge to view the spectacle and has reams of video footage. The burly meatworker also claims to have seen silver disks during the day.

"To me it's simple," he said. "To me they are craft not from our planet, I don't care what anyone else says."

"They light up and you can see their core. They can turn orange, a strong pale yellow or red."

"A lot of people see these things and don't say anything because they are afraid of being laughed at."

Local bed-and-breakfast operator Barry Fryar has also seen the lights on four or five occasions since December.

"It looks like they are coming towards you and then they just shoot away. I have no idea what they are," Mr Fryar said.

Armed with a healthy degree of scepticism, *Herald Sun* photographer Paul Trezise and I went to the Grampians earlier this week to see for ourselves.

We watched through binoculars and a high-powered camera lens for almost two hours as the mainly white lights moved across the sky and hovered above the tree line of the ranges.

At one stage, a small red light flew towards a larger companion and disappeared.

We left the Grampians with no understanding of what we had seen.

The Milky Way Galaxy

Metro Today, Tuesday June 4, 2002

Delve Report, July 2002, Gene Duplantier

The Milky Way galaxy has been caught in the act of shredding an ancient star cluster and leaving a telltale trail of stellar debris smeared across the sky, astronomers reported yesterday.

A camera on a telescope at Apache Point Observatory, southeast of Albuquerque, N.M., captured a track of scattered stars that appears to stretch the same distance as a line-up of 20 full moons.

"This is the first time that we have managed to actually catch the Milky Way in the act of disrupting a globular cluster," said Eva Grebel of the Max Planck Institute of Astronomy in Heidelberg, Germany.

Globular clusters are clumps of thousands of stars that are thought to be billions of years old. The one in question - known to astronomers as Palomar 5 - is a relatively small, old cluster, perhaps 12 billion years old and containing 10,000 stars.

The same gravity and centrifugal force involving the Sun and the Moon that produce ocean tides on Earth pull material from Palomar 5 toward the centre of the galaxy and push it away, but they don't do it smoothly.

The irregular push-and-pull creates clumps of stars in the debris trails, said Michael Odenkirchen of the Planck Institute.

Special VUFORS Meeting

Sunday, 7th of July saw VUFORS hold an additional Special Meeting at the Royal Victorian Aero Club (RVAC), Moorabbin Airport, Mentone.

The aim of this meeting was to allow VUFORS members, and the public, who are not usually able to attend our regular meetings held in Melbourne city, the opportunity to attend. The Sunday afternoon timeslot also meant that the meeting was longer than usual and allowed more subjects to be presented in an unrushed manner.

VUFORS has a large membership base in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, centred around Moorabbin. The Society also has strong links with the RVAC, resulting from a presentation by Dr. Richard Haines in 1998 regarding pilot sightings of UFOs. This meeting was well supported by VUFORS members and pilots based at Moorabbin. Moorabbin Airport was also the point of departure for Frederick Valentich on his fateful flight in 1978, from which he did not return.

The meeting agenda included:

- An update received from our Sunraysia Area Representative, Allan Wilson, on the Mildura Police Surprise Sighting case (report in this edition of the Bulletin).
- A detailed report by North East Area Representative, Jim Owen, on significant sightings from the North East of Victoria including one from 1884 (in this Bulletin – “A Remarkable Sight”)!
- An update on early crop circles appearing in the UK during June including a report from West Sussex where an elaborate formation appeared on a field within a very built up area of a town.
- “Would Aliens Visit?” - SETI scientist, Dr Seth Shostak, believes the odds of aliens visiting Earth are remote, but “I certainly expect that the Galaxy is home to many advanced societies”.
- The main body of the meeting was a presentation by Chief Investigator, Paul Norman who presented a paper entitled “UFOs ... Serious Business” (recently presented at a UFO conference in Sydney). The paper details the most significant UFO sightings that have occurred over the last 50 years, including those ending in tragedy (e.g. Mantell, Valentich, Kinross and Cuba 1967). Paul has the advantage of being personally acquainted with many of these cases, the researchers, and in some cases, the participants.
- The meeting concluded with Paul presenting a 30 minute video of some of the recent activity from the Grampians area. The footage shown generated much discussion among those present.

We take this opportunity to thank the RVAC and its catering staff for the hospitality they provided to VUFORS members and hope that our close relationship will continue.

A Remarkable Sight

Ovens and Murray Advertiser

Saturday, 26th April 1884

Mr Geo. W. Kennedy, of Oxley, forwards the following, description of a remarkable scene witnessed by him on the 11th inst:-

On the 11th April I was at work on the road running south from the Presbyterian Church, Oxley Plains, when at, or near, half-past 2 p.m., I lifted my hat to wipe my brow, and looking south, my eye caught sight of a house at the end of an avenue.

Knowing of no house or plantation of foreign trees in that direction, my fixed attention was given to it, when I saw the following. I would state that I went from the above road to the Oxley Flourmill, where, joined by Messrs Allan, A. Lang, R. Burgess and another, we took with us a slightly magnifying glass.

With Mr Lang I then went on to Oxley, and after calling the attention of a number of people to the grand picture, I went on to high open ground and took the following notes. I thus looked from three points, the latter being 2-1/2 miles due west from where I first saw it:-

From a little south of east to about west-north-west and all round, the northern firmament was covered with a thick, very dark, grey haze. One could tell whereabouts the sun was, but could not see it.

From south-south-east to a point south of west there was a light creamy or grey cloud, and under this, from south-east to west, was a thin line of blue sky, widening as it neared west, when it came round the end of the cloud and up over its western end. I commence at the western end,

and give a faint description of what appeared on the date given above.

The whole of the grey cloud in the south presented a beautiful and well cultivated country. The land was rolling, except in the extreme west. The juncture from south to round the western end rested upon water (this was made plain by Mr Allan's glass), with next a strip of flat land, widening till about south-west, where it stretched away south, far as the eye could reach.

This seemed grass land, with many clumps of straggling trees (native), and these could be followed by the eye till distance alone shrank them out of sight, as the rising ground slightly rose from this at the western end. A great extent of land was covered with dead trees, and at the foot of the real rise there appeared large yards, with four dark mounds, like wagons covered with black tarpaulins.

Above this, some little distance, there was a plantation, with the land cleared round it, not cultivated, but fenced. This plantation showed three sides of a square. Coming east the ground rose, becoming a rolling, well-cultivated country, fenced into fields. Two of these fields were of great extent, and in stubble. The great majority were small, but a number were of good-sized paddocks.

A little native timber appeared in strips of broken ground and trees on steep brows. Every here and there were seen plantations of foreign timber, the poplar being very noticeable. Every

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tree of this tapering sort was leaning its top to north-east, as if a wind were blowing.

About south-west the land at the water edge rose, and here, a little back, was a steep brow or scar, the chocolate soil showing on its face. Over this brow three water-breaks were seen - one of these near its eastern end, the outlet of which appeared a dry creek. That was seen up to the top of the view.

At the east end this scar joined a sloping, but steep, ground, and round the south and east the water seemed to round into the land, and was seen no farther east than this bay-shaped spot. On the bank of the water there were four roads, separated from each other by black-looking mounds of considerable length, two being longer than the others, and all equal width apart, like two to three chains, and at the lower end of these was a large black mound that the water seemed against.

The end of these roads furthest from me was on rising ground, and from here a road wound past the sloping ground to near the end of the steep brow, where it went up by a deep cutting of a good length. From the top of this cutting it ran due south, and where it crossed a hollow like a creek was not broken or lost to view, though in this hollow underwood, with a tree here and there, marked it through farm after farm.

On each side of this road were plantations, and in one of these (the largest) was a large house and a shed like a building without a roof, and from one place of view I saw like a gable to it. There was a fine avenue running up to this house.

Both sides of this road had fine live fences, and all the fields to the right and left of it were similarly fenced, and every field had been cultivated.

On one of the bends of the gully (or creek) twelve rows of orchard trees ran up, and at the top was a plot of stunted bush, like staked peas, but of a yellowish colour; then a plantation, the outer row of which was poplar.

The entrance to this seemed to be from the west from the gap in the live fence, where there were two trees like weeping willow. After the road mentioned reached the top of the cutting it was crossed by a road from east to west; but I could only trace this one on bare patches, or on steeps where cut; and higher up, where the large house was, another east and west road crossed it, but seemed to continue eastward only past three fields, when the ground became steep, until past two fields.

East of the north and south road the fences were all live ones; but from this, going east, cultivation and live fencing were seldom seen, and then only in patches round or near, some plantation.

Each rise or hill was higher than its next neighbour. Fencing that ran south could be seen as it rose the hill - some like log, and others, like a line run along. The trees on the points of two hills rose to view through gullies, and the rising ground of the third hill had a large patch of dead timber, with a cleared field, in which was a plantation of considerable extent, and here was the red or brick-like house that first caught my eye.

From where I then saw a rich avenue of fine trees run up before me, and I saw plainly the roof and point of a large house; but from the mill, and at Oxley, we could not see up this avenue to the top.

The next hill east rose higher, and had a crown that gives hope that we may find out the reflected country. As the top was neared, the tim-

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ber did not seem so large, and over the trees was a dome-like top, as if a great straw-stack was there, but too large, and not white (as-clear) enough for straw. This had a fine appearance.

Looked at from my next standpoint, it is rather oval than round, and the colour of a granite I have seen on the Lady Franklin, near Barnawartha.

The next hill was not seen to the top, as the dark haze came down; but it was far broader in its slope of face, all covered with native timber, except near the bottom of the picture, where a few fields were seen to have been cultivated.

The whole of the fields were not visible, the blue sky coming in view under the light clouds. Such was the grand picture I looked at, until the dark cloud came slowly from the east, covering it over till, at half-past five p.m., the western end only was to be seen, and I went home.

I cannot say that I saw cattle; but I think I did on the western flat, near to a clump of trees. I plainly saw water, like a lagoon, one end in reed-beds. On the south-east of this there appeared a great many black lumps, not close, but all on that side of the water. I took note of them, and that there were no trees on the western or fen-like side of the water.

When I was looking over my notes, an hour after having dotted them down, these black lumps were on the western, or treeless, side of the water, and much scattered - many small, like in the reeds, and others on distant knolls a good way off.

There were many of the necessities of a settled and well-cultivated country seen that I do not name here. The number of plantations (foreign timber), 15; fields fenced (large and small), 39. That the whole hill country was fenced I believe; but, as it was difficult to connect those posts seen, I did not count them.

UFO Link

Craven Herald, Skipton, England - April 19, 2002

UFO Newsclipping Service, June 2002, Number 395

#2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127 USA

Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

A UFO sighting in Silsden is being linked to another incident in South Craven more than three years ago. Last month, 66-year-old Beryl Southwell reported seeing a substantial unidentified object with whitish bluish flashing lights hovering outside her Silsden house.

In December 1998, a Cowling nurse claimed she was followed by a similar object as she drove over Cowling Moor. Now UFO expert Donald Cooper is appealing for other witnesses to come forward. He is also trying to find out more about the mysterious mutilation of sheep in the area. "The strange thing is that there is no blood," he explained. "I don't know of any terrestrial organisation that would operate on animals in this way."

Report On Police Sighting of UFO

Allan Wilson

Sunraysia - North West Victoria Representative
VUFORS

05:00 a.m. on Friday the 17th May 2002

Location of sighting, Mildura – “Apex Park” Camping and Caravan Park which is situated on the banks of the Murray River, four kilometres down stream from the Mildura city,

Photo taken in the approximate location of the witnesses when they saw the object, looking through the park with the Murray River and NSW in the background.



Weather conditions were fine with some, scattered cloud and no moon. No air traffic or weather station air born equipment was present.

The two police officers that witnessed the sighting were on a routine patrol in a police Divisional Van.

The entry into Apex Park is identifiable by a metal archway, which is passed under when driving on the roadway entering the Park.

A following Bulletin article contains the text of the “Police Sighting of UFO” report in the Sunraysia Daily, Saturday, May 18, 2002.

Only one of the two witnesses I've been able to speak with for a short period. I have not been able to get in contact with witness number two

even though numerous messages had been left to contact me. It appears for some reason or reasons they do not want to discuss this case any further.

When I spoke briefly to witness number one on the 21st May 2002 a Sighting Form was given for the witness to complete. A request for this form to be filled in with as much detail possible, then returned as soon as possible, was made. This report has not yet been forth coming as of the 3rd June 2002.

Some notes:

- The divisional van had just past under the “Apex Park” entry archway when the ob-

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ject was sighted towards the river direction on the right.

- Within the object it was brightly lit up.
- The object was kind of triangular in shape.
- Colour appeared to be silver grey or similar to that of pewter.
- Distance from Police vehicle on road to riverbank edge is approximately 85meters.
- Object appeared to be hovering over the water, approximately two thirds of the way across the river towards the NSW side.
- Object was sighted between the trees; this would indicate the object would have been

very low, maybe 3 to 5 meters above the water.

The distance from the Police Vehicle on the roadway to the object could have been between 300 up to 500 metres.

Finally witness one said it appeared that at the same time the object was seen, it started to move off, up stream toward Mildura City. Their first thought was to follow it, however within a blink of an eye it was gone.

I believe this case to be genuine although they are many unanswered questions. Therefore this case remains open.

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Daily Mail, London, England
April 12, 2002

UFO Newsclipping Service, June 2002, Number 395
#2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127 USA
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SIR Martin Rees and Fortean Times magazine think UFOs are dead (Mail).

During last year's lunar eclipse, my three teenage children and I were watching from our back garden when a bright-orange, heart-shaped UFO silently flew over our heads towards the totally eclipsed moon from the west, then abruptly changed direction and headed north up the coast.

This was just one of many sightings our family has had. We live in an area of high RAF activity, but none can be attributed to the military.

It's well known that astronomers are terrified of UFOs, crop circles and the like. That's why they debunk everything they don't understand.

We 'cranks' who see UFOs do not all believe they are alien spaceships, no more than we believe all crop circles are made by men with bits of string and planks of wood.

Mrs J. Hilliard, Skegness, Lines.

Police Sighting of UFO

Sunraysia Daily, Saturday, May 18, 2002

"We've just seen a UFO", was the radio call received at the Mildura Police Station during the early hours of yesterday morning.

Two officers on a routine patrol through Apex Park were stunned to see a silver shape hovering above the river.

"At 5 a.m. this morning, Mildura divisional van crew members Kate and Greg patrolling Apex Park when their jaws dropped at the sight of a very bright lit up UFO hovering over the NSW side of the river," a police spokesperson said.

"It appeared the UFO spotted them at the same time as it shot off in the direction of Gol Gol.

"They attempted to give chase, but it had gone in the blink of an eye." The spokesperson said.

"One of the officers commented over the air 'we've just seen a UFO' and received the reply 'we've just boiled the kettle, you had better come in for a cup of tea and a lie down'."

The spokesperson said one of the officers had seen a similar sighting in the same area several months ago.

"Her first sighting was the source of much mirth and mess room humor among her colleagues," he said.

Victorian UFO Research Society's Mildura representative Allan Wilson said sightings around water are a frequent occurrence.

"I have not had any reports about this particular sighting but I can tell you that UFO sightings around bodies of water are extremely common," Mr Wilson said.

"I have heard of many stories very similar to this one.

"One call I had was in regard to a man who lived on a property with a large water tank.

"He reported seeing a blue haze hovering above his tank at night.

"When he went to investigate, the tank – which had been full – was completely empty.

"There was no evidence of water having been spilt anywhere. It had just vanished," he said.

"But it certainly is not uncommon for people to report having seen UFOs around bodies of water."

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UFO Sightings Increase: New York flying triangle, Pennsylvania green beam, Washington D.C. report, Ohio flying pen, Georgia flap, Tennessee huge UFO, Alabama disc, California flying triangle, Montana disc, Arizona glowing cylinder, England UFO Crop Circles, Canadian UFOs, and Argentina flying triangle. Ukraine air show crash may have been caused by white cylinder shaped UFO seen on TV. Top Defence and Air Force personnel fired so UFO video becomes their best defence.

New York Flying Triangle

Cheektowaga - A triangular shaped object with flames and green lights floated over while friends were sitting talking around the bonfire on July 28, 2002, at 01:00 a.m. The witness says, "I was looking up at the sky, looking at the stars when to my left a triangular shape appeared."

I first thought it was a plane and then realized that I have never seen a plane like that before. I was able to point out three corners of the craft, which did indeed look like a flying triangle. The front had two green lights at two points and what looked like a red flame in between them.

It was moving a bit slow for a few seconds and then picked up speed. We stood up and ran to the front of the house because the house next door was in the way of our view. When we made our way there it had disappeared. It wasn't a cloudy night so us not being able to see it anymore was a bit strange.

New York City Disc - Laying on my bed looking out the window on July 28, 2002, I saw a black object flying by at a constant velocity. I jumped up to get a closer look without taking my eyes away at 08:10 p.m. The object changed shape from circular to disc-like alternating every two or three seconds.

It moved in one direction, did not change course, and seemed to be moving slower than the planes I see taking off from a nearby airport. The object came near one airplane, but neither seemed to change course. I'm not inferring that this was an alien UFO, but it was certainly not like anything I've witnessed before.

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Pennsylvania Green Beam

Philadelphia - On July 26, 2002, at 10:10 p.m., four Police Officers were outside our headquarters when we noticed a glowing "deep green" beam of light, 65 degrees near the zenith. This green beam was stationary, just above the clouds, facing NNE. The beam was horizontal to the ground and a high pitched, pulsating hum could be heard over the common city noise.

This hum caused the several K-9 dogs to bark and howl uncontrollably from their pens. One officer stated, "Holding my hand up to the sky, the beam/glow of deep green light would have been relative to the size of my thumb. After viewing in amazement, for about two minutes,

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the "deep green" light vanished, the hum stopped and the dogs became silent."

With two airports in the area, I'm sure something had to be picked up on radar screens.

Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

Washington DC Pilot Reports UFO

Luce Blessings writes, "I heard a story from a morning show music host about his brother in law (an airline pilot of a large airline) reporting the sighting of a UFO being chased by some military planes over Washington, DC on July 30, 2002. Nothing was reported on the news."

Thanks to Luce, Blessing2305@msn.com

Ohio Flying Fountain Pen

Youngstown - NUFORC reports a dramatic, sighting event in the vicinity of Highway 84 at 02:45 hours on July 31, 2002. A young man witnessed a momentary flash of light, followed by a sighting of an object that looked generally like a "fountain pen." The object streaked across the sky, stopped, and the truck ahead of the witness suddenly was no longer there! It sounds like a possible "abduction," a.k.a. interaction case.

Cincinnati - Kenny Young writes, "On July 30, 2002, around 01:30 a.m., an unusual bright light was seen over the city by many people. The event was reported by numerous news media outlets including 700 WLW A.M. Radio and the FM station 102.9 WEBN. I placed a call to the newsroom of 700 WLW and the person taking the call said that the National Weather Service advised that the object was a meteor.

Joedy Cooke overheard discussion of the sighting on WEBN radio that focused on the object hovering stationary. Also in response to a tip that the North College Hill Police Department had acquired an in-car video cam recording of the object, researcher Donnie Blessing, MUFON's State Section Director for Southern Ohio, has travelled to speak with police officials and was able to confirm the existence of this video recording. She is working now to obtain this video."

Thanks to KENNY YOUNG ufo@FUSE.NET

Georgia Sightings Flap

Atlanta - On June 11, 2002, at about 10:40 p.m., on a hospital helipad, members of the air-crew observed a blue-green sphere, estimated at 4 to 10 feet actual size, fly over the helipad without sound, but it seemed to leave a slight trail-like emission.

Witnesses also observed white strobes and red and blue flashing beacon from top floor of an adjacent building. Then another object with red and white lights was observed flying along the edge of the helipad descending toward the ground, but there was no crash. Investigation continues.

Hinesville - During mid-July, a teenage student was up at 03:00 a.m. doing work on her laptop when she heard her dog barking outside and looked out to see if someone was coming up. She observed a string of hovering glowing lights that looked like Christmas lights, but she was unable to see structure behind them.

She looked up and down the neighbourhood and back to the lights, noticing that one toward the middle was brighter. At this point, the lights

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took off in unison toward their neighbour's home.

She ran into her mother's room to wake her and her mother also saw the lights move into the woods. The sighting was near the coast and Fort Stewart. Charles Bowen, our SSD for Savannah, will investigate.

Duluth - At 10:55 p.m., on July 17, 2002, I was travelling south on Highway 141 when off to my left 125 feet above the tree line I witnessed two bright lights less than a quarter mile away.

It was a long triangle shape with bright round lights at each corner as well as on each side of the craft with a rotating blue light in the centre of the craft. Ground lights reflected off the solid black craft, with a thin strip of dim lights going around the side of the ship.

As it made a complete 180 degree turn it slowly descended to just feet above the trees, just behind a small car dealership. I pulled into the dealer's lot and my clock still read 10:55 p.m. and walked towards the object 175 feet away.

I could clearly see the triangle craft 4 to 5 car lengths (100 feet long) and about 15 to 20 feet tall. As I got closer it started to move away. At this point I remembered I had a camera in my car so I ran back to get it.

I noticed other motorists slowing down to look and I grabbed my camera, but the craft just disappeared.

Tucker - On July 21, at about 02:00 a.m., a housewife in the area reports that a white oval shaped light flew over her home at treetop level. SSD Olivia Newton will investigate.

Jefferson - MUFONGA's Linda and William Campbell report on July 27, 2002, noticed a star-like light moving through the sky, and while unable to identify it, they considered a very high flying aircraft. On subsequent nights of observation, they have observed lights flying north then south, and once east.

Observation with binoculars defined nothing more than their star-like appearance with no observed structure or navigation lights. This continues until well past midnight every 10-15 minutes, and does not operate like satellites do.

Blackshear - On July 29, 2002, at about 09:30 p.m., a couple was out for their evening walk and noticed a white glowing star 25-30 degrees high rapidly travelled west on a wobbly, slightly erratic course. Five minutes later they noticed another star-like object moving in the same manner.

They could see beams of light going toward the object, with similar beams emanating from the object that turned red and vanished. MUFONGA's John Bodin will be conducting the evaluation.

Thanks to Tom Sheets, MUFONGA and WUFOD.

Tennessee Huge Size UFO Observed

Lavergne - The witness says, "At 07:45 p.m., on July 22, 2002, my wife and I were in the backyard enjoying our swing. The moon was about forty-five degrees above the horizon when we saw a bright light appear above the tree line in the southeast. The light slowly ascended and disappeared behind the moon and never reappeared on the other side! The object was about

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1/8th inches in diameter, and 1/10th the diameter of the moon."

Alabama Disk Video and Photographs

Bessemer - I was travelling back home from dinner at a friend's house on July 19, 2002, when I noticed what I thought at first to be part of the moon obscured by clouds in the western sky at 09:00 p.m. Then I noticed that it was a cloudless night and the real moon was over my left shoulder. So then I got excited and got my video camera and went to the parking lot of this church and got the object on video.

The sighting lasted about a minute or two before the object disappeared like someone turning off the light.

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC.

California Triangle Seen by Witnesses

Sequoia National Park - About 09:45 p.m., a family was camping when one member pointed out a huge craft in the form of a V with red lights flying slowly over. They were able to see the object for about two minutes and it made a humming sound, but nothing like an airplane. Numerous campers saw the craft. All of these California reports occurred on July 23, 2002, within an hour.

Los Angeles - At 10:00 p.m., a large chevron shape of red twinkling lights slowly moved south across the sky in the Mid-City area of Los Angeles. The witness reports, "I was outside of my Dad's in the Mid-City area when I noticed a large chevron shape of red twinkling lights."

I pointed it out to a neighbour and we watched the chevron move slowly under a much smaller

aircraft. In comparison the chevron was huge and flew much slower. We could not make out a mass, only the lights lighting in a pattern back and forth across the chevron shape.

My Dad's house is in the flight pattern of LA Airport, and planes fly an east and west flight pattern but chevron was flying south.

West Hill - Another witness at 10:05 p.m., stated, I saw an uneven "V" formation of white and red lights, trailing ones flashing red, with trail extending for a minute or two. It flew slowly at about 30 degrees elevation, moving southeast travelling at about the speed of a small prop plane.

There was almost a full moon rising. It travelled south over the San Fernando Valley, and developed a long "tail" of red flashing lights, which grew ever longer. There were 4 or 5 high intensity flashing lights extending at about 45 degrees backwards from the parent whitish ball.

The overall shape was a chevron of lights, with one or two dimmer red lights further back. Through binoculars, I could discern no solid connection between the lights, or any additional "navigation" lights, even though the object was close to the full Moon, and any wing structure would easily have been visible.

Fifteen minutes later, we saw two fast military planes probably F-16s travelling the same path.

Santa Monica - At 10:22 p.m., fifteen witnesses saw something similar to the Phoenix lights flying south towards their position at about ten thousand feet in altitude. They were stunned, and said there are no words to describe it. It had white lights in a huge triangular shape and over flew their position and they saw it disappear going south.

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Reseda - My husband and I were bringing in the trash cans at 10:30 p.m., when I looked at the northwest sky and saw a cluster of red and blue lights with a bright white light in the centre coming towards our home. I said, "What is that?" He looked and yelled for other family members to look-see the V-shaped formation.

He took out the video camera and started to record. The centre light was bright and the other lights began to dimmer out as if they were separating from the formation. It flew south over our heads not moving very fast, and we could hear a motor type noise, but it was not a noise that an airplane makes.

When the craft flew over the phone went dead and the video camera stopped.

Catalina Island - At 10:30 p.m. I was at a summer camp at Toyon Bay near Avalon and was walking away from the beach in a crowd of forty people when we saw a triangle formation of lights, moving very slowly in formation. There was a very bright white light in front with red lights trailing it. The entire formation was several times larger than the full moon. The lights did not flash.

A very low, quiet engine sound was audible. I thought it could be a formation of military jets, but the lights did not blink or flash and they stayed in perfect formation. It was flying from the northwest towards Avalon.

Exeter - At 10:30 p.m., four of us from my church saw a huge UFO in the shape of a triangle with just red lights rimming the edge of it as it flew south. We moved the car and it reappeared by coming behind us after about 15 minutes. This thing was huge and had like a hum to it. It was a little east of Rocky Mountain.

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC.

Editor's Note: Multiple witnesses tracked the first UFO moving south to Catalina. A second chevron may have been seen near Exeter in the Fresno area, where the sightings started.

Montana Disk Above Mountain

Deer Lodge - The witness started his car at 10:15 p.m., and noticed a beam of light above the mountain on July 23, 2002. He reported, "I thought it was a reflection off the football lamps, but when I moved the car, I realized it was not, so I stopped.

The object was positioned about 23 miles away above the mountain. It was a bright disk with various white lights that moved back and forth. Then the lights faded and disappeared twenty seconds after I first saw it."

Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC.

Arizona Cylinder with Exterior Glow

Phoenix/Glendale - The witness reports on July 20, 2002, my wife saw it as it cleared our next door neighbour's house and yelled, "Come out and see this!" As I stepped outside at 08:30 p.m., my wife was pointing up, and I saw the object. It was a charcoal grey cylinder with a pale blue/grey outline that seemed to glow and was moving fast and silent thru the sky. There was no sound as it moved.

On two opposite sides of the object, there were two curved points that went towards the inside of the object. It seemed to tumble as it moved thru the sky, but it flew in a smooth and swift manner and then disappeared moving northeast.

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England UFO Group by Crop Circles

Avebury - On July 27, 2002, after exploring two crop circles in the field near Avebury at about 06:00 p.m., the witnesses took several photos of the Trusloe Prehistoric Standing Stones. Later they noticed on the photographs, that there were many oval shaped UFOs in the distance. Most of the objects seem to have a slight aura and one of them has a Saturn or flat hat shape. They did not see the UFOs at the time.

Canada Cigar

Terrace, British Columbia - Brian Vike reports that a 17 year old called to say, "Although I always believed there had to be other life out there, I was never truly convinced they had made contact, until July 27, 2002, when I saw a moving light fly towards Prince Rupert."

As the object began moving further east at 12:25 a.m., I began to realize it was cigar or pancake shaped with a flickering bright light moving around its side. This was not human technology. Two minutes later, it moved from a horizontal position to a diagonal position then descended going northwest.

Telkwa, BC - Two witnesses say they watched an object for 30 seconds, before it flew below the mountains. The object was viewed by another witness flying 300 meters off the deck. The sighting was reported to the RCMP and later a military transport was seen landing at the Smithers Airport, followed by military trucks moving around the back roads. There is nothing out there for the military such as bases.

Thanks to Brian Vike (Yogi) HBCC UFO Research.

Howick, Quebec - Montreal Gazette reports a multi-circle quintuplet formation in barley was discovered August 3, 2002. Five large circles 65 feet in diameter, with other smaller ones outside main formation.

Thanks to Crop Watch 2002,
<http://www.canada.com/search/site/story.asp?id=B119A396-98E0-446A-867D-F5AAA2E05>

Argentina Policeman Sees Giant UFO

Chaj'n - Guillermo Arias was on patrol at 11:00 p.m., on July 21, 2002, when a radio call alerted him that police in Achiras were seeing lights heading toward him. As he drove the police patrol van, he saw a formation of seven lights and followed them ten kilometres along a rural dirt road when his engine died.

The van's dashboard lights began turning on and off, the police radio went haywire and its dial displayed random frequencies while the van was filled with an acrid odour like burnt wiring. The interior lights came on and off.

Seized by fear, Arias jumped out of the van and lost his cell-phone. Suddenly an immense light emerged from an adjacent field. A triangular object rose majestically. He described it as a real "floating city" 200 metres long with a long row of about 100 windows. Arias saw something move behind him, that he defined as "non-human."

Numerous beams of light came out of the giant triangle, aimed at the ground for several seconds. The object suddenly rose and sped away lighting up the area like daylight. Recovering from his nervous condition, he returned to the vehicle and notified his comrades of the experi-

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ence, receiving radio instruction that reinforcements were being set out.

Patrolman Barrios from Achiras was trying to keep him calm over the radio, while Sgt. Medina, who was the first to arrive on the scene, and Sgt. Cordoba were among the officers who reached the area to lend aid to their comrade in distress.

Thanks to Scott Corrales Translation (C) 2002 and C.O.R. (Circulo Ovnológico Riocuartense).

Ukraine UFO Near Air Show Crash

Sknilov Aerodrome - Stunning video was shown on Ukrainian ICTV and Russian television showing an unidentified object skimmed a Ukrainian fighter jet moments before it crashed into a crowd of aviation enthusiasts killing 84 people on July 27, 2002.

This is the most tragic air crash in the world history during air shows. The crashing Su-27 fighter killed 27 children, and wounded 199.

The video clearly shows a UFO that is mentioned by the TV commentator, as it passes near the descending Su-27 fighter that killed so many. The UFO is a clearly visible long white

cylinder, or cigar shaped, that quickly flew directly behind the Su-27 for 1.5 seconds.

The stunning discovery was made due to the detailed analysis of the tape by the investigation commission and speculation is circulating it could have been a factor in the crash. General Evgeniy Marchuk, Head of the state commission on investigation, analysis of the flight recorder indicated that all systems of the aircraft, including engines, were functioning normally, and Colonel Vladimir Toponar and pilot-inspector, colonel Uriy Egorov safely ejected out of the aircraft.

Some other experts conclude that human factor - bravado of the pilots and insufficient organization by the flight directors of this air show - caused the tragedy. Several high-ranking officers have been arrested. The hypothesis that the UFO could (accidentally) have influenced the aircraft's systems or pilots, is not totally excluded?

Thanks to Anton Anfalov, Research Specialist for MUFON.

Editor's Note: This case could become the most important proof for UFOs in modern history. Powerful men must defend themselves using a UFO as the cause of the accident.

NARCAP

National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena

This is a reminder that there is an Australian representative of NARCAP, Paul Norman, and those interested in the impact of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) on Air Safety, especially those who have encountered UAP, might like to make a strictly confidential report via the web site:

<http://www.narcap.org/>

Dr Richard Haines, a retired NASA scientist, has compiled a database of existing reports, including those involving avionics failures during encounters (see his report on the web site).

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Walkerton, Ontario - November 1, 1958 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Four policemen in constant communication by police radio saw a bright white pulsating UFO at about 12:40 a.m. Constables Edward Johnston and John McCutcheon first spotted the object while patrolling near Burgoyne. "It was off to our left," said Constable Johnston. "The prominent colour from it was white but it constantly changed. It appeared to pulsate and at times looked as if there were four lights coming from it."

When the policemen notified headquarters, a second patrol car carrying Constables Douglas Washburn and William Reis was dispatched to a point one mile east of Walkerton. The men sighted the same object. From their viewpoints some 20 miles apart, the two teams compared descriptions by radio. The officers calculated that the object was hovering 3 miles NE of Paisley at a height of about 3,500 feet.

Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire - March 8, 1965 *Orbit* (Tyneside U.F.O. Society). A number of witnesses saw a silver disc shaped craft travelling NE to SW. There was no sound although the object flickered and changed in brightness. After being seen for about thirty seconds the object suddenly made a sharp turn and returned along the same course. Eventually it disappeared behind a cloud.

Cussac, France - August 29, 1967 *Spacelink* (published by Lionel Beer, London). At 10:30 a.m. Francois Delpeuch, 13, and his sister Anne-Marie, 9, were looking after about ten cows, high on the Cantal Plateau, about 20 km West-SW of St. Flour in southern France. While on watch, Francois got up and noticed what appeared to be four children on the other side of the road, about 40 metres away. He stood on a heap of stones to see them better as he could not recognise them. Then he noticed that they looked peculiar - they were completely black in their faces and clothing. Both children saw not far from them, and partly hidden by a haystack, a large globe which was so bright that it was painful to look at. One of the little beings had bent down and seemed to be looking for something on the ground. Another, while holding what Francois thought was a mirror reflecting the sun, apparently made signs to the others with his hands.

When Francois shouted, "Would you like to come and play with us?" the little beings took notice and apparently felt watched. Thereupon the first flew vertically up into the air and plunged head first into the top of the globe. The second and third did the same. The fourth, however, lifted himself up too but, before dropping into the globe, he returned to the ground as if looking for something and finding it (probably the "mirror" thinks Francois) he flew up again and caught up with the globe, which by this time was about 15 metres off the ground after rising in little circles. The globe emitted a whispering sound, the light intensity increased and it flew off to the northwest.

Alien Artefacts Were Retrieved In 1939 Says Cordell Hull

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William E. Jones writes, "I thought your readers should be aware of the Cordell Hull story that alien artefacts were in our hands in 1939." In early December of 1999 the Centre of UFO Studies received a letter from the daughter of the Reverend Turner Hamilton Holt:

"Today I want to share some knowledge that has been, by request, kept secret in our family since sometime in World War II. This concerns something my father was shown by his cousin Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State under Franklin Roosevelt. My father, who was young, brilliant, and sound of mind, told us this story because he didn't want the information to be lost.

"One day when my father was in D.C., Cordell swore him to secrecy and took him to a sub-basement in the U.S. Capitol building, and showed him an amazing sight: (1) Four large glass jars holding 4 creatures unknown to my father or Cordell [and], (2) A wrecked round craft of some kind nearby.

"My father wanted my sister and I to make this information known long after he and Cordell were dead, because he felt it was a very important bit of information. We have researched your group and feel it is the most reliable group in the country. We hope that you will research and search this information. The jars with creatures in formaldehyde and the wrecked craft are somewhere!

"Cordell said they were afraid they would start a panic if the public found out about it." Sincerely, Lucile Andrew, Ashland, Ohio.

Cordell Hull was one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th Century with absolutely no apparent reason to tell this story unless it was true, especially at a time when stories of flying saucers and their alien drivers had not yet become part of our culture.

Hull was elected U.S. Senator 1931-1937, was chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and became the Secretary of State under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in March 1933, the longest in American history until 1944, when he resigned because of ill health. He was also offered the Vice Presidency and in 1945, Cordell Hull won the 1945 Nobel Prize for Peace.

Reverend Holt and Hull were both born in Pickett County and were cousins and friends. Holt attained a Doctor in Theology degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, and was a minister at the Shenandoah Christian Church in Greenwich, Ohio. He was a community leader, and wrote a book entitled *Life's Convictions*.

He married Vina May Clark and they had three daughters. Two of the daughters claim they had been told about the creatures by their father. Lucile's original letter essentially tells the story as her father told it to her when she was a teenager. Unfortunately, Lucile said that she was

Alien Artefacts Were Retrieved

too young to really pay much attention to what her father told her but Allene the mother of Eloise, the co-author of this story was told the same story as her sister. Both sisters assured us that they remember the stories independently.

Reverend Holt described the entities in the glass jars as "creatures, a term common for his day." He never referred to them as "aliens" or "extraterrestrials." He never said where they came from. Lucile stated that his experience happened in the "late 1930s," probably 1939.

The material that was nearby the less than four feet tall creatures was described as "silver metallic." She also remembers him referring to the material as being a "vehicle" that appeared to have been taken apart and was "in pieces." He said the colour of this material wasn't a colour that he had seen before, but for the lack of a better word he used "silver."

Reverend Holt was not the sort of person to make up such a wild story and, the sisters feel that by telling the story they are following their father's wishes.

Barbara A. Wolamin, "the curator U.S. Capitol building," chuckled a bit after being told the story. She said, "She had never heard about

these creatures being stored at the Capitol, but she did confirm there was a sub-basement that was divided into storage rooms back then. She said that the building had been significantly changed over the years, so in a small way, part of Reverend Holt's story checked out.

After Cordell Hull left government service he wrote his memoirs in a two-volume book set. No reference, to this story appeared in these pages, in his papers in the Library of Congress. Numerous experts and libraries were contacted and there has been no confirmation for the story.

If four alien bodies and other world technology were retrieved in 1939, what would that do to our interpretation of the U.S. Government's involvement in UFO research? One would assume prior knowledge would have made the government ready for an event like Roswell and that the Roswell retrieval was more efficient because of that.

This is a story that truly deserves further investigation."

Thanks to William E. Jones, MUFON State Director for Ohio, Dr. Irena Scott, and CUFOS International UFO Reporter 2002.

To Southampton UFO Group Publication

Number 139 and 140, May/June 2002

Thank you for your compliment regarding our Publication. It is very gratifying when much time and effort are expended in its production. I was amused at your remark referring to the sighting only 5 miles from your home, and knowing b/a about it!! You are not alone with that problem, though we have many more miles to send our pigeons than you do!

We always look forward to receiving your publication in the mail. Keep up the good work. J.M.

Taking Shape In The Fields

Jayne Wassell

NEWS, Halesowen, England – Jan. 17, 2002

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Crop circles are shapes imprinted within fields where the crop is swirled flat with the stalks bent and not broken.

They have been seen and photographed in all manner of shapes and sizes, including boxes, triangles, keys, Celtic crosses and even a DNA double helix!

In 1996, the crop circles became noticeably bigger. The largest to date was a 4,100-foot formation in Wiltshire, found that year.

There is evidence of crop circles being in existence in 1678 in Hertfordshire.

The first modern formation was seen in 1966 in Tully.

An abundance of small, simple circles were seen in Hampshire and Wiltshire in the early 1970s.

In 1976 a foreign farmer saw seven silver dome shaped objects hovering in the sky above his field and crop circles appeared.

In the 1980s, a vast amount of circles were reported in the south. Meteorologist Terrence Meaden said they were caused by an unusual weather phenomenon called 'plasma vortex'.

Others said they were created by intelligent beings, or alien crafts landing in fields. The first Celtic cross appeared, leading to the belief they were a way of these beings contacting humans.

In 1991, circles were spotted all over the world, in countries including Germany, USA, Canada, Brazil, Romania, Hungary and Japan.

In September of this year, Doug and Dave came forward and claimed to have made all the crop circles so far. But when they were asked to demonstrate some of the more intricate designs, they were forced to admit they hadn't done those.

Some believed Doug and Dave had been sent by intelligent beings to quash the growing publicity around the phenomenon.

The Milky Way Galaxy Facts

Diameter: 120,000 light years. Thickness: about 7,000 light years.

Number of stars in the Milky Way: 200 billion.

A light year is about 9.6 trillion km; the distance light travels in one year.

Closest Galaxy: Andromeda Galaxy. Source: www.fix.net/wreil/ccas/cosmic_facts.htm

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Bittern - Mornington Peninsula, Vic.
11th May 2002, 01:35-01:50 a.m.

Before retiring to bed, the observer has an end of day look out of the bedroom window. On this occasion, the observer was surprised to see a ball of light, a little smaller than a coin held at arms length, moving at about 30 degrees above the horizon.

Binoculars revealed more information about the object. It appeared to consist of an inner round black core surrounded by a shield of light. The observer reported that the light ranged in colour from a creamy colour, to a very pale orange colour.

The outer shield light did not flash or oscillate, but maintained a constant level of radiance. No sound was emitted as the object travelled at a set leisurely pace.

The object was initially seen travelling on a north to south trajectory, but later veered off in a southeasterly direction, finally disappearing into light cloud.

The observer reports that two similar balls of light appeared shortly after the first was no longer visible, and that they followed the exact same path as the first.

After the 10 to 15 minute sighting was completed, the observer phoned the nearby Cerberus Naval Base and was informed that nothing abnormal had been happening at the base.

Meadow Heights, Vic.
22nd May 2002, 03:20-03:45 p.m.

While noticing an unusual dark heavy cloud with the sun behind it, giving the appearance of a white lace like edge, the observer spotted a round, slightly elliptical, silver object about the size of the head of a dressmakers pin at arm's length, suspended stationary at about 60 degrees above the horizon.

Minutes after first seeing the object, some further observations were made using binoculars. The object was estimated to have been 15 to 20 kilometres distant, and over undulating fairly arid terrain, well northwest of the city. It was estimated to have a diameter in the range, 20 to 30 metres, and maintained a constant colour and intensity.

During the 25 to 30 minute sighting, the object was completely covered at least 3 or 4 times by passing patches of heavy grey cloud moving from the southwest to the northeast. For the remainder of the time, it was in clear blue sky. The air was very clear due to wind and light rain only hours before.

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The observer reports having considered the possibility that the object might have been a large balloon, but was intrigued to discover that it apparently was not moving when aligned with foliage on a nearby tree, in spite of the obvious high altitude winds moving the clouds. Another aspect was the lack of a balloon payload.

The observer phoned the Bureau of Meteorology and upon returning, and spending 10 minutes carefully scanning the sky in the region of the sighting, the object was not seen again.

Corowa and Wahgunyah, Vic.
8th June 2002, 07:20 p.m.

When the observer looked into the fine night sky, across the Murray River bridge between Corowa and Wahgunyah, nine orange lights the size of Venus or a large star were seen at an angle of about 40 degrees above the horizon, and some kilometres away.

Two extra witnesses also saw the lights moving at the same steady pace in a long almost straight string stretching across the sky. Each light took from 15 to 20 minutes to transition the path, appearing above trees on a hill in the south and disappearing in the northeast.

The lights were not blinking, as opposed to the multiple blinking lights seen on aircraft, and orange lights seemed different to the colours used on aircraft. In total, the sighting took about 30 minutes.

The Grampians, Vic.
9th July 2002, 07:00 p.m.

An unexpected event occurred while the observer was flashing a powerful torch from a special lookout, toward a region known to respond to such visible stimulation. Suddenly, a hori-

zontal fiercely brilliant solid narrow white beam of light, hundreds of metres in length, with a west to east orientation, appeared above a mountain range, and persisting for about two seconds.

Just as suddenly, the west end of the beam glowed even more brilliantly, and shot toward the eastern end, much like a fast burning fuse, but leaving no remaining residue.

Shortly after this amazing event, another smaller circular light moved down toward the observer and started flashing rapidly, well and truly making its presence known.

Nunawading, Vic.
18th July 2002, 07:20 p.m.

While standing on the side of the road attempting to jump-start the car with the assistance of a friend, the observer spotted an initial object about one third the diameter of the full moon and about 40 degrees above the horizon, and a second object about one eighth the diameter of the full moon and at an angle of about 60 degrees above the horizon.

The initial object described as flared and white with slight blue and red edges, fell rapidly in a straight line toward the ground and appeared to explode behind trees with a fierce white flash together with some blue and red light. The friend helping with the car also saw the flash.

The second object started moving very slowly from side to side and then settled and becoming stationary. About ten minutes later, another white ball of light, not as big as the first, appeared in the sky in the region of the previous events.

After a total of 20 minutes, the most recent object was still present in the cold windless atmos-

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sphere as the observer drove away in the now functioning car.

Briar Hill, Vic.

18th July 2002, 07:30 p.m.

The observer was alerted to the presence of something unusual when the dog became upset and began whimpering.

A circular blue-yellow light, about the relative size of the moon, appeared to the right of the observer, and passed in a smooth arc, at an elevation of about 23 degrees above the horizon, to the left and out of sight behind a fence of trees.

The weather was fine and the light passed from naked eye view after about 6 to 8 seconds.

Bayswater North, Vic. **20th July 2002, 09:32 p.m.**

While standing in the backyard, the observer was looking into the sky for navigation lights, and was surprised that the only apparent navigation light was a single round orange one, about the size of an apple at arm's length. The light was travelling below the cloud line.

This light was seen at an angle of about 55 degrees above the horizon as it moved from left to right, northwest to north-northeast for about two to three minutes. It then stopped dead, and soon after, resumed travelling apparently instantaneously at the original speed.

As the observer watched, the light passed across the cold, lightly clouded sky, toward the Yarra Valley, until no longer visible.

Space Probe Unexpectedly Slows

Extract From Article By Robert Matthews

National Post, Thursday February 11, 2002

Delve Report, April 2002, Gene Duplantier

The Pioneer 10 space probe, which left Earth in 1972 and our solar system in 1983, is being slowed by a baffling force that could rewrite the laws of physics.

Research to be published soon in a leading physics journal will show the probe's speed is being changed by about 10 kilometres per hour per century - a barely perceptible effect about 10 billion times weaker than gravity.

NASA launched Pioneer 10 on March 2, 1972. With Pioneer 11, its twin which is also slowing down, Pioneer 10 revolutionized astronomy with

detailed images of Jupiter and Saturn. In June 1983, Pioneer 10 passed Pluto, the most distant planet in our solar system. Both probes are travelling at 43,000 kilometres an hour toward the stars.

Assertions by some scientists that the force is due to a quirk in the Pioneer probes have been discounted by the discovery that the effect seems to be affecting Galileo and Ulysses, two other space probes still in the solar system. Data from these two probes suggest the force is of the same strength as that found for the Pioneers.

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Broadbeach, Gold Coast **Sunday 19/05/02, 08:30 p.m.**

Four witnesses were in a two-story building looking east over the ocean when they saw a shooting star. One minute later they observed an off-white sphere moving rapidly towards the south to join two others.

It had a glow on one side and was about one tenth the size of the moon. The objects joined in formation at an elevation of 5 degrees. The objects were seen for 15 to 20 seconds. They were too fast to be satellites.

Westlake, Brisbane

Thursday 23/05/02, 04:44 p.m.

A woman was driving along Arrabri Avenue when she saw a bright light in the Western sky. It was bright like light reflecting off a mirror. She described it as being "like a star with petal-like bits off it". She thought it was too early to be a star. As she came around the curve in the road it disappeared. The sky was cloudless.

Moggill, Brisbane

Thursday 13/06/02, 10:15 p.m.

A man and his wife were sitting watching TV when they heard what sounded like the sonic boom of a meteorite. The dog started barking and the wife went outside to see what was happening. The husband went outside too and reported seeing 6 lights travelling in pairs across the southwest sky.

By the time he joined her, a couple of lights in the sky had already gone past. His first reaction was he thought they were flares. They were yellow with a pinkish tinge and spherical in shape. They were travelling horizontally at a 45 degree angle. They turned towards the east and seemed to accelerate. They made absolutely no noise, were smaller than a large aircraft's landing light and about 10 km away.

The male witness rang the RAAF base at Amberley, Archerfield airport and Air Services Australia. They all reported nothing on radar.

Ipswich

Friday 14/06/02, 09:30-09:45 p.m.

A woman was in the bathroom when she saw lights out the window. She alerted her brother, mother and sister in law who all went outside to have a look. They reported 15 red lights travelling slowly from the south, about the speed of an aircraft, in the eastern sky close together.

When they were over Brisbane city, they also saw another bunch of approximately 60 to 80 lights behind them out over the ocean. One of the red lights in the group close to them fired something over the western suburbs down towards the ground. Two seconds after it shot, a booming noise could be heard followed by an airwave.

An F111 came over the top of their house, appearing to come from the Amberley air base, and when it got close to the group of lights they shot off to the northeast. The lights were observed for approximately 2 to 3 minutes in total.

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Bulimba

Friday 14/06/02, 10:15 p.m.

The witness was looking southwest from his bedroom window when he saw an intense bright white light. It travelled through to the east as he watched it for 10 minutes. He also saw two lights well spaced and a bright blue flash in the west.

Sinnamon Park, Brisbane

Friday 14/06/02 10:00 p.m.

A woman reported seeing 12 stationary red lights in the sky travelling towards Ipswich. She went to get a camera. About 6 of the lights spread out and went to a higher level. There were 2 witnesses.

Moggill, Brisbane

Friday 14/06/02, 09:45 p.m.

This witness had reported seeing lights in the sky the previous night. He was now reporting seeing the same lights travelling southwest to east. These lights were very bright and bigger than Venus. Their apparent size at arm's length was 3-5 mm when they were close. They passed across the sky then accelerated east until they disappeared. He heard the same explosive noise more from the west.

Ipswich

Saturday 15/06/02, 09:58 p.m.

A previous caller reported seeing 5 more red lights in the eastern sky. They looked the same as he had previously seen and one of them again fired a red trail like a rocket towards the ground. This time it took 8 seconds for the blast noise to get to him.

He watched the lights for 5 minutes. He thought the things being fired on the ground were markers of some sort possibly being set up for triangulation purposes. He also predicted there would be another sighting the following night with an object firing something to the ground completing the three markers-needed for triangulation.

Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane

Saturday 15/06/02, 10:00-10:30 p.m.

Four women sitting outside observed something like a ball of fire in the sky. They all exclaimed, "What is that?" It was travelling about the height of a plane, the speed of a plane, about the same size as a jumbo and made no noise. It disappeared behind trees. They observed it for one minute as it travelled from the southeast to the southwest. It appeared to be about 10 km away from them.

Caboolture

Saturday 15/06/02, 10:00 p.m.

A man saw a bunch of 20 red/pink lights in the sky and heard 2 bangs. His friend in Ipswich heard the sound too.

Holland Park, Brisbane

Friday 21/06/02, 09:45 p.m.

A woman reported a sighting on behalf of her daughter. Her daughter and husband were getting off the bus at Holland Park when they saw the outline of a V-shaped object hovering at street light level. It was black, made no noise and about the width of a large tree.

It was possibly lit by the nearby shop light. They observed it for 6 seconds then it shot off very fast. It made no noise. The object was not thick or high enough for a man to stand upright in it.

Society News

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== (03) 9506 7080 ==

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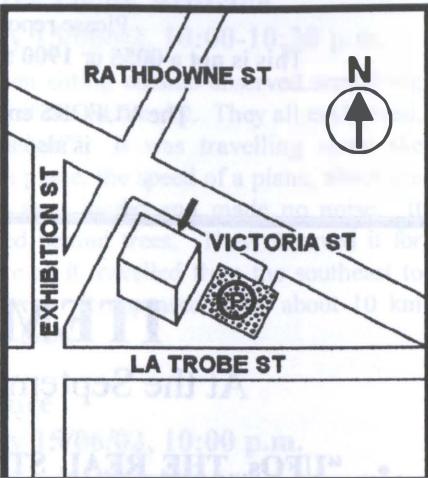
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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